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Common Council Calls on Buffalo To Become A Welcoming City

*The Buffalo Common Council Urges The Office of New Americans to Establish
the City of Buffalo As An Official Welcoming City*

Buffalo, N.Y. - The Buffalo Common Council adopted a resolution, "[22-654 : Rivera, Nowakowski: Making Buffalo a Welcoming City for Immigrants and Refugees](#)" that calls on The Office of New Americans to Establish the City of Buffalo as an Official Welcoming City.

The Resolution builds off a previously passed resolution titled, "Rivera, Bollman, Nowakowski, Pridgen, Wyatt-2022 Council Goals for Language Access" that calls for Council information to be passed along to non-English speakers. The Common Council urges the Office of New Americans to develop a proper Language Access plan, apply their recommendations from their 2016 report, and submit an Official Welcoming City ordinance. Along with this, The Common Council also calls on the Mayor to establish the proposed New Americans Advisory Council that would give representation to the work being conducted in the Office of New Americans.

"A few months ago, I filed a resolution with regard to language access and how the Council can make information more accessible to all City of Buffalo residents. This new resolution, 'Making Buffalo a Welcoming City for Immigrants and Refugees' is a continuation of the language access resolution, and seeks to address many of the other challenges faced by our immigrant and refugee neighbors," said Majority Leader David A. Rivera.

Council Member Mitch Nowakowski added, "The City of Buffalo has a long history of welcoming new Americans into our neighborhoods. We must continue the spirit of being a good neighbor and this includes fully staffing the Office of New Americans and participating in the Welcoming Cities Certification process. I am pleased to cosponsor this resolution and look forward to working with the Office to support new Americans all over Buffalo."

A copy of the resolution is attached. To view this and all Council items, visit our meeting portal at buffalony.igme2.com. For questions or more information, please contact the Central Staff Office at (716) 851-4616 or councilstaff@buffalony.gov.

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